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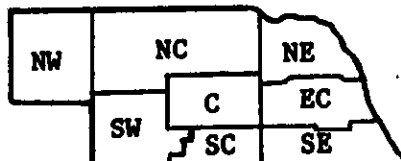
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WEATHER

The week was cool and dry. Temperatures averaged nine degrees below normal across the State. Little to no precipitation occurred throughout the week.

GENERAL

Row crop harvesting progress across the State continued ahead of normal even though some areas received light precipitation, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Early sugar beet harvest is complete, with the regular harvest underway. Sunflower and millet harvest was underway in the west. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.6.

Topsoil moisture level rated 6% short, 88% adequate and 6% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 56% short and 44% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 57% short and 43% adequate. Subsoil moisture last year rated 17% short, 81% adequate, and 2% surplus.

CROPS

All corn crop condition rated 6% poor, 23% fair, 58% good, and 13% excellent. There was 93% of the irrigated crop rated good to excellent, while only 25% of the dryland crop was rated that high. Corn acreage harvested for grain reached

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45% complete, compared to 38% last year and 24% average. Stalk rot and corn borer damage were still a concern in the northeast.

Soybean condition rated 3% poor, 72% fair, 24% good, and 1% excellent. Soybeans harvested reached 55% complete last week, slightly behind last year's 59% but well ahead of the 36% average. Some small and cracked beans were reported in the northeast.

Sorghum condition rated 7% poor, 56% fair, 36% good, and 1% excellent. Sorghum harvested for grain was 65% harvested, compared to 55% last year and 31% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1% poor, 27% fair, and 72% good. Winter wheat emergence reached 85%, compared to 92% last year and 85% average. Some reseeding in the west was reported due to poor stands and weeds.

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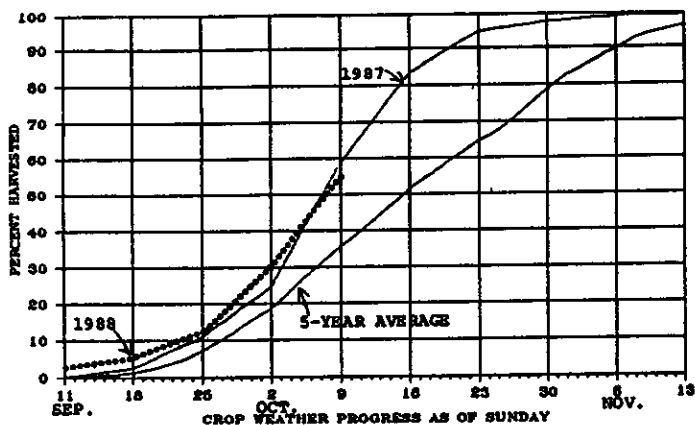
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 6% very short, 43% short and 51% adequate. Movement of cattle to harvested corn and milo fields continued. Some concern was expressed about nitrate levels in milo fields, but no reported problems yet.

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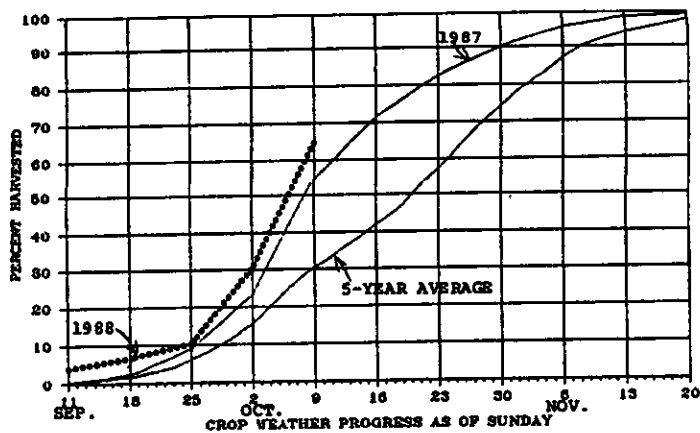
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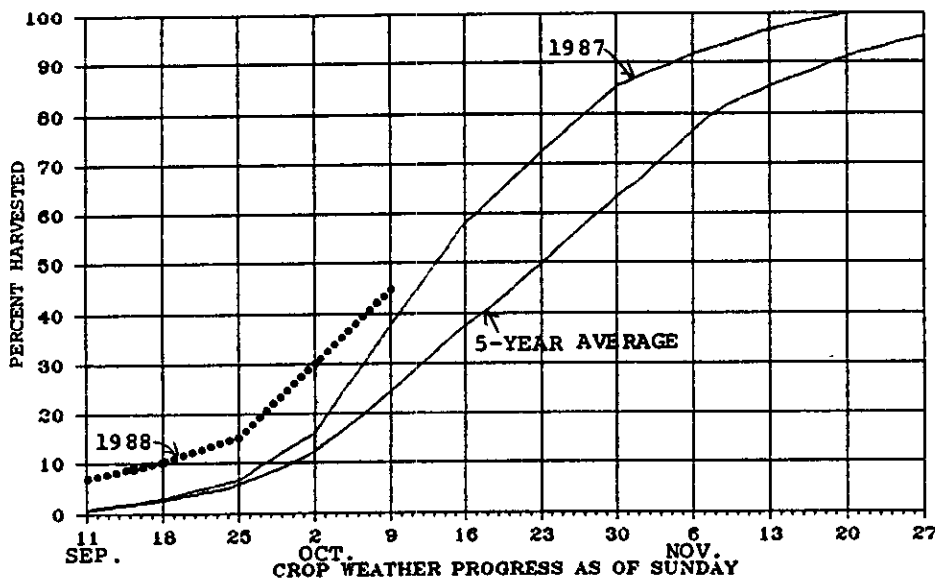
NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



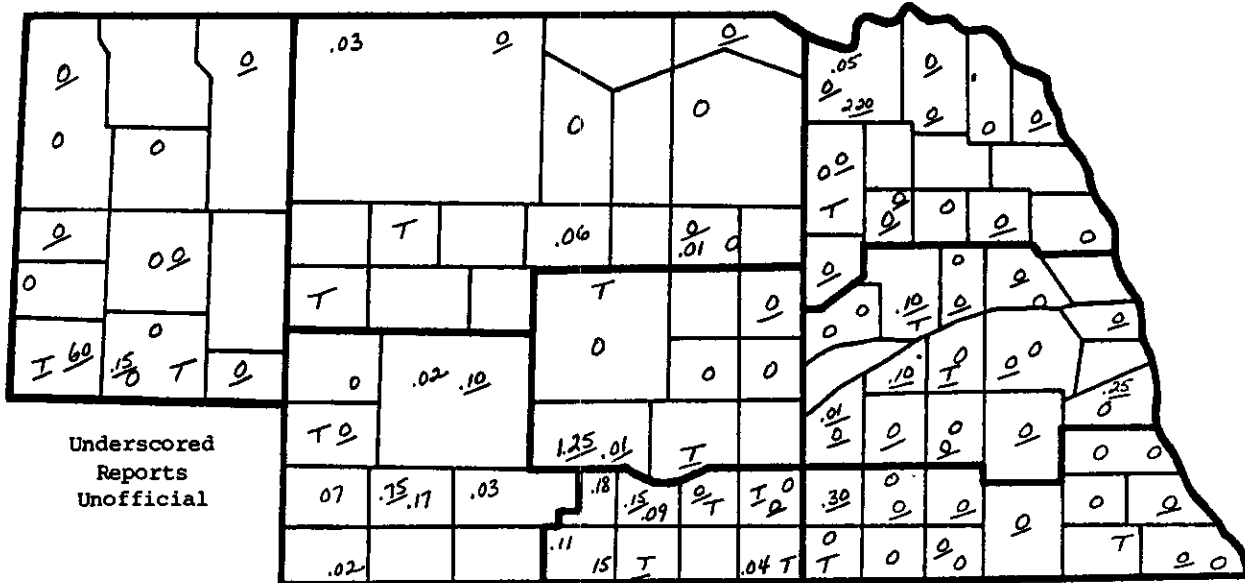
NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1988

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	76	24	46	--	0
Scottsbluff	77	36	48	-7	T
Sidney	74	34	48	--	0
NC Ord	72	27	46	--	0
Valentine	75	22	46	-8	0
NE Norfolk	72	26	47	-9	0
Sioux City	70	26	47	-10	0
CEN Grand Island	72	29	48	-9	0
EC Lincoln	72	31	49	-10	T
Omaha	69	32	50	-8	0
SW Imperial	72	32	46	--	0
North Platte	74	28	46	-9	.02

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.